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Sir:

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For: FOREIGN MATERIAL REMOVING SYSTEM, METHOD OF REMOVING FOREIGN
MATERIAL, PRINTING APPARATUS AND PRINTING METHOD

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of two hundred seventy-six (276) pages
- ☒ Fifteen (15) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority

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- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-279990 filed in Japan on September 25, 2002; 2002-314097 filed in Japan on October 29, 2002; and 2002-358406 filed in Japan on December 10, 2002.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☒ Other: Substitute Specification
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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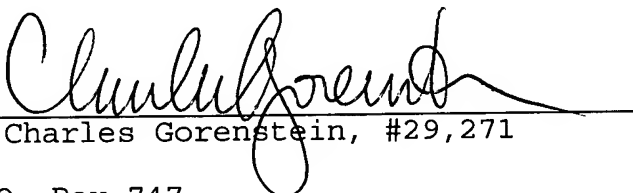
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